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Everyone can agree that monopolies are bad for the nation. The Microsoft settlement does not punish microsoft in any meaningful way and goes a long way towards increasing their stranglehold on the market by allowing them to flood the schools with their products. In donating their software to schools that would not normally purchase the software, they lose virtually no money. Software costs pennies to copy and yet they will say that it adds up to billions of dollars. Not so. The punishment should not exonerate them and allow them to go further down their path of incompatibility and exclusionary market tactics. Other commercial and open source software that interoperates with Microsoft software needs to be embraced, not killed by this settlement. Please seek real punishment for Microsoft. They have a monopoly and this settlement does nothing to control it.

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